

In addition, a study conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee found that only 50 percent of African American and Latino men in Milwaukee had government issued photo identification that would allow them to vote in 2008. To obtain a drivers' license, birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers to meet the bill's requirements low-income citizens will face financial burdens and lost time from work while the elderly may struggle to make a trip to the local DMV. And citizens who lost their vital documents in the aftermath of Hurricane's Katrina and Rita should expect to face one final insult from Washington when they lose their right to vote.

In addition, H.R. 4844 fails to specify how disputes over identification would be handled by poll workers. Consequently, the bill places an undue and irresponsible amount of discretion in the hands of overworked poll workers, which opens the door to widespread racial and ethnic discrimination at polling places. Imposing new barriers to the right of Americans to vote is simply unnecessary. Existing federal laws impose strict penalties on non-citizens who attempt to vote illegally. The success of existing federal laws is underscored by the fact that supporters of H.R. 4844 were unable to offer data to establish a need for this bill.

The Help America Vote Act, HAVA, that Congress passed with bipartisan support in 2002 proved that securing the integrity of our elections process need not come at the cost of voter access. Congress should reject H.R. 4844 and instead, fulfill promises made in HAVA by providing States with the \$800 million they need to expand access and prevent voter fraud. The Republican Majority should be held accountable for championing H.R. 4844, a bill that casually and callously undermines the constitutionally guaranteed right of all Americans to vote.

TRIBUTE TO LUAN RIVERA

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I raise today to recognize Luan Rivera, a devoted and inspirational leader who has dedicated her life to the education and development of America's youth. As the 2005–2006 President of the California School Boards Association, CSBA, Luan has worked tirelessly to promote and strengthen educational opportunities in California's public schools and I would like to commend her for her efforts.

Luan was elected to the Ramona Unified School District Board of Education in 1994 and served seven years on CSBA's Delegate Assembly. Her impressive credentials include a master's degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago, completion of CSBA's Master in Governance Program, a multiple-subject teaching credential and an English as a Second Language certificate. She is also the former youth coordinator of the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program and has participated in numerous activities designed to en-

hance tolerance amongst California's culturally diverse youth population.

Adding to this long list of achievements, Luan has also been active in the San Diego County Inter-Agency Coalition for Human and Civil Rights and, in 2001, she attended the United Nations World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa. These experiences and qualifications enabled Luan to serve as CSBA President with a high level of insight and an acute understanding of California's educational challenges.

Luan recognizes that stimulating and encouraging our children to learn is an investment in America's future. Her incredible devotion to improving California's education system has set a new precedent for CSBA's top leadership position and it is my hope that leaders like Luan will continue to step forward in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Luan Rivera for her service as a member of the Ramona Unified School District Board of Education and CSBA President. Thanks to Luan, California's public schools are a better place and she can take special pride in knowing that her contributions are improving the lives of children and families throughout the State.

IN RECOGNITION OF FORT LAUDERDALE'S LONE SAILOR MEMORIAL

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fort Lauderdale Council of the Navy League of the United States for their successful campaign to locate a Lone Sailor Statue on Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk.

The Fort Lauderdale Council has been greeting military ships of all Navies arriving in Port Everglades for over 50 years, earning a reputation for Fort Lauderdale as the 'best liberty Port in the world'. Although Fort Lauderdale is not home to a major Navy facility, it is rich in naval history. During World War II, pilots including former President George Bush, trained at the old Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station. During my tenure in Congress, I have had the privilege of participating in two ship commissioning ceremonies at Port Everglades. It is a fact: the Navy loves Fort Lauderdale and Fort Lauderdale loves the Navy.

With this strong relationship with the Navy, members of the Council, including former Congressman George Wortley, felt it was time to join eight other communities around the country and bring a Lone Sailor statue to South Florida. They committed to raising \$250,000 to obtain the statue, prepare the site and cover other related expenses. They successfully petitioned the City of Fort Lauderdale to approve a permanent home for the 'sailor' on Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk.

On Saturday, October 14th, 2006, I look forward to joining members of the Fort Lauderdale Council and our South Florida community

to dedicate the Lone Sailor statue. Cast in bronze, the statue is composed of 2 pieces: the sailor who stands 7 feet tall and weighs approximately 1,000 lbs. and his sea bag and cleat weighing 700 lbs. During the casting process, the bronze is mixed with artifacts from eight U.S. Navy ships which span the Navy's history. It is a fitting tribute to the men and women of the sea service.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the members of the Fort Lauderdale Council of the Navy League of the United States for their commitment to this wonderful project. The Lone Sailor Statue will stand as a symbol of the esteem in which this community holds the members of the sea services: Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, U.S.-Flag Merchant Marine.

IN MEMORY OF LOBIS ADAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Lobis Adams, the 99-year-old retired pastor of the Corinth Missionary Baptist Church.

Reverend Adams pastored the Corinth Missionary Baptist church for 33 years before retiring in 2003. As a faithful servant to the Lord, Reverend Adams spent his life in the service of others by volunteering in countless Baptist organizations.

His commitment to the church and the community are still visible today through the many organizations that he helped establish and lead. His dedication to education in the Baptist community is shown through his tenure as Director of Christian Education at the Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention. He also served as a board member to the Texas Baptist Foreign Mission board.

It was my honor to represent Reverend Adams. I extend my sympathies to his family and friends. May the example of this man, whose contributions made richer the fabric of our faith, be inspiration to all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I missed three votes on September 25, 2006. Had I been present I would have voted no on H.R. 5059, to designate the Wild River Wilderness in the White Mountain National Forest in the State of New Hampshire, no on H.R. 5062, to designate as wilderness certain National Forest System land in the State of New Hampshire, and yes on H.R. 6102, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 Lawyers Road, NW in Vienna, Virginia, as the "Captain Christopher Petty Post Office Building".